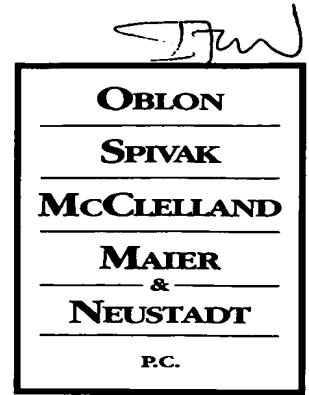




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PROCESSED OBJECT PROCESSING METHOD,
PRESSURE CONTROL METHOD, PROCESSED
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APPARATUS

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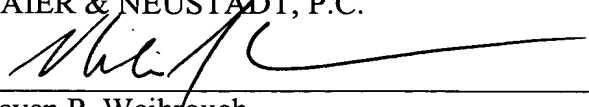
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Respectfully submitted,

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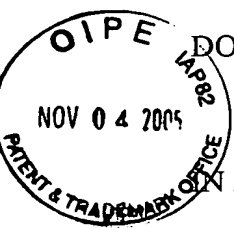
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the restriction requirement dated October 4, 2005, the invention of group I, including claims 1-5, 13-16 and 24-25, drawn to an apparatus, is elected with traverse.

Specifically, the restriction requirement is traversed for the following reason.

MPEP § 803 states:

... If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions.

All of the pending claims appear to be part of an overlapping search area.

Accordingly, the restriction requirement is traversed on the grounds that a search and examination of the entire application would not place a *serious* burden on the Examiner.

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Therefore, it is requested that the requirement to elect a single invention be withdrawn, and that a full examination on the merits of Claims 1-25 be conducted.

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